

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 11, lines 2-5, please change the paragraph as follows:

Prior track apparatus for vehicles are disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. Re36,284 (Kelderman), 5,829,848 (Kelderman), 6,536,854 (Kahle et al.), 6,543,861 (Kahle et al.), 6,543,862 (Kahle et al.) and 6,557,953 (Kahle et al.) assigned to the assignee of the ~~print~~ present invention and incorporated herein by reference.

Page 11, lines 6-19, please change the paragraph as follows:

Referring to FIGURE 1, a scraper in accordance with the present invention is generally designated by the reference numeral 10. Scraper 10 includes a blade 12, receiving area or bin 14, rotatable axle 16 and track apparatus 20. Track apparatus 20 includes flexible track 22 which has an upper length 23 and lower length 21 for engaging the ground. Flexible track 22 includes an inner surface 24. As shown rotatable axle 16 and track apparatus 20 are positioned at the second end 19 of scraper 10 while a hitch 11 is positioned at first end 18. Hitch 11 provides for connection to a towing vehicle such as tractor or prime mover 4. A hydraulic connection provides power from tractor 4 to scraper 10 to allow lowering and raising of scraper blade 12. As with typical scrapers, blade 12 is lowered to a depth and scraper 10 is towed forward such that blade ~~2~~ 12 scrapes ground surface 2 thereby removing earth. The earth is forced into receiving area or bin 14 until full, then blade 12 is raised and scraper 10 is towed to a dump site before the earth is released from bin 14. Rotatable axle 16 may be powered such that track apparatus 20 provides movement to scraper 10.

Page 13, lines 22-32, please change the paragraph as follows:

FIGURE 6 shows the uni-body construction of frame 28. Frame 28 includes first and second side portions which define a wheel receipt ~~wheel~~ well 71 therebetween for receiving wheel 26. The side portions of frame 28 are interconnected by front and rear end panels. Spindle hub 72 forms spindle hub aperture 74 which is one of several fixed-mounts on frame 28. The side panels include leading and trailing intermediate apertures 78,79, respectively, therethrough for receiving corresponding leading and trailing bogey axles 52,62, respectively, as hereinafter described. Reinforcement elements may be mounted on the outer surface of the side panel about corresponding apertures 78,79, respectively, to reinforce apertures 78,79 and prevent deformation of the same by the bogey axles received therein. Apertures 78,79 are fixed-mounts used for mounting bogey wheels 50,60.

Page 14, lines 4-12, change the paragraph as follows:

FIGURE 7 shows more clearly the engagement between lugs 90 and drive members 91. As shown leading idler aperture 75 of leading idler arm 73 receives a pin 80 which is utilized to connect leading idler assembly 86 including leading idler support bracket 81 thereto. Thus, leading idler-mounting bracket 81 is pivotally mounted to leading idler support arm 73 by pivot pin 80 extending through aperture 75. Bracket ~~130~~ 81 includes idler mount 85 for mounting leading idler wheel 30 by receiving leading idler axle 32. Leading idler axle 32 includes a notch 33 formed therein for allowing piston shaft 82 of cylinder 83 to extend therepast. As is conventional, leading idler axle 32 supports leading idler wheels 30 on opposite ends thereof.

Page 14, lines 18-24, change the paragraph as follows:

Flexible track 22 of track apparatus 20 is positioned over wheel 26 such that track lugs 90 projecting from the inner surface 24 of flexible track 22 are received between corresponding pairs of drive members 91 projecting from outer surface 93 of outer rim 92 of wheel 26. As wheel 26 rotates drive ~~member 31~~ members 91 successively engage corresponding track lugs ~~32~~ 90 and drive flexible track 22 about wheel 26.